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**Stephen F. Williams**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1936  
 Education: Yale 1958 BA; Harvard 1961 JD  
 Began Service: 1986  
 Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
 Political Affiliation: Republican

**Academic:** Professor of Law, The University of Colorado System (1969-1986); Visiting Professor of Law, University of California, Los Angeles (1975-1976); Visiting Professor of Law, University of Chicago (1979-1980); Visiting Professor of Law, Southern Methodist University (1983-1984)

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1966-1969)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Debevoise, Plimpton, Lyons & Gates (1962-1966)

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**Harry Thomas Edwards**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1940  
 Education: Cornell 1962 BS; Michigan 1965 JD  
 Began Service: February 20, 1980  
 Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter  
 Political Affiliation: Independent

**Affiliation:** Visiting Professor of Law, School of Law, New York University

**Chambers of Senior Judge Harry T. Edwards** *continued*

**Academic:** Professor of Law, Law School, University of Michigan (1970-1975); Visiting Professor of Law, Program for International Legal Cooperation, Free University of Brussels (1974); Visiting Professor of Law, Harvard Law School (1975-1976); Professor of Law, Harvard Law School (1976-1977); Faculty Member, Institute for Educational Management, Harvard University (1976-1982); Professor of Law, Law School, University of Michigan (1977-1980); Lecturer in Law, School of Law, University of Pennsylvania (1981-1982); Lecturer in Law, Harvard Law School (1982-1988); Senior Lecturer in Law, School of Law, Duke University (1983-1989); Lecturer in Law, The Law Center, Georgetown University (1985-1986); Lecturer in Law, Law School, University of Michigan (1988-1989)

**Corporate:** Member, Editorial and Advisory Board, West Publishing Company (1978-1980)

**Government:** Public Member, Administrative Conference of the United States (1976-1980); Chairman, Board of Directors, AMTRAK [National Railroad Passenger Corporation] (1978-1980)

**Judicial:** Neutral Arbitrator (1970-1980); Member, Judicial Conference of the United States (1994-2001)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Seyfarth, Shaw, Fairweather & Geraldson (1965-1970); Chairman, Ann Arbor Model Cities Legal Services Center, Inc. (1971-1972)

**Current Memberships:** American Academy of Arts and Sciences; American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; The American Law Institute; American Society of International Law; Association of American Law Schools; Federal Judges Association; The Supreme Court Historical Society

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**A. Raymond Randolph**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1943  
 Education: Drexel 1966 BS; Pennsylvania 1969 JD  
 Began Service: July 20, 1990  
 Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Current Memberships:** The American Law Institute; The Bar Association of the District of Columbia; State Bar of California

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**United States District Courts**

## United States District Courts

Most federal cases are initially tried and decided in the United States District Courts, the federal courts of general trial jurisdiction. There are 94 courts in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the territories of Guam, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands. With the exception of the territorial courts, all district court judges are appointed for life by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. In each district, the judge who has served on the court the longest and who is under 65 years of age is designated as the chief judge. The chief judge has administrative duties in addition to a caseload. Within each district, the United States Bankruptcy Court hears and decides petitions of individuals and businesses seeking relief from bankruptcy. Bankruptcy judges are appointed by the court of appeals for a term of 14 years. The judges of each district appoint one or more magistrate judges, who discharge many of the ancillary duties of the district judges. There are both full-time and part-time magistrate judge positions, and these positions are assigned to the district courts according to caseload criteria. A full-time magistrate judge serves a term of eight years; a part-time magistrate judge's term is four years.

**United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama**

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**Number of Judgeships:** 3

**Areas Covered:** Counties of Autauga, Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Chambers, Chilton, Coffee, Coosa, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Elmore, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, Montgomery, Pike, Randolph, Russell and Tallapoosa

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**Mark E. Fuller**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: December 27, 1958  
 Education: Alabama 1982 BS, 1985 JD  
 Began Service: December 2, 2002  
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Government:** Chief Assistant District Attorney, 12th Judicial Circuit, State of Alabama (1996-1997); District Attorney, 12th Judicial Circuit, State of Alabama (1997-2002)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Cassidy, Fuller & Marsh (1985-1986); Partner, Cassidy, Fuller & Marsh (1986-1996)

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**Myron H. Thompson**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
 Education: Yale 1969 BA, 1972 JD  
 Began Service: September 29, 1980  
 Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

**Affiliation:** Member, Chambers of Member Myron H. Thompson, Judicial Conference of the United States

**Government:** Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, United States Department of Justice (1972-1974)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Thompson & Faulk (1979-1980)

**Current Memberships:** Alabama Lawyers Association; American Bar Association; National Bar Association

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**W. Keith Watkins**  
District Judge

Education: Auburn 1973 BS; Alabama 1976 JD  
 Began Service: January 12, 2006  
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Strudwick & Watkins (1976-1978); Partner, Clower & Watkins (1978-1986); Partner, Calhoun, Watkins & Clower (1987-1990); Partner, Calhoun, Faulk, Watkins, Clower & Cox (1990-1994)

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